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Dollars will be accepted at the demand rate of exchange of the day on which payment becomes due.  
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SHOES and GLOVES FOR DAY and EVENING WEAR.  
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Hongkong, December 6, 1902. 2605

**NOTICE OF REMOVAL.**  
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Hongkong, December 15, 1902. 2578

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Private Bar and Billiard Rooms.  
Rooms Specially reserved for Cap. ains of the  
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Hot and Cold Water throughout.  
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Hongkong, October 23, 1902. 2172

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Rate of Charge—\$6 per Annum.  
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WAN HAO, Manager.  
Canton, December 16, 1902. 2576

**NOTICE.**  
OWING to the large increase in the cost of fodder etc., we are obliged to raise the price of our Milk to 12 cents per small bottle from 10 YANFAIRY net.  
THE DAIRY FARM CO., LD.  
S. A. SETH,  
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THE HONGKONG DAIRY,  
G. W. GRAY,  
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Hongkong, December 18, 1902. 2608

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**Owing to repairs to our present premises, we have this day REMOVED to 16, Queen's Road; entrance, bottom of Zetland Street.**  
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WINE AND SPIRIT MERCHANTS  
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## SUICIDE AT SHANGHAI.

A mysterious affair with all the elements of a romantic tragedy has been engaging the attention of the police during the last day or two, says the N.C. Daily News of the 15th inst. The matter has been kept very quiet, but we understand that on Friday night the body of a foreigner was found floating in the lower reach of the Huangpu, beyond the wharves. To add to the mystery a dagger was sticking into the corpse, which was in an advanced stage of decomposition and had evidently been some days in the water. Full play was suspected at first, but at an enquiry held yesterday at Pootung, a medical man gave it as his opinion that the deceased had committed suicide. The body is supposed to be that of a German, who formerly lived in Chapoo Road, and who has been missing for some little time.

On the 16th inst., our Shanghai contemporary reported:—We are now able to give the following particulars regarding the suicide referred to in yesterday's issue under the above heading. The body of the deceased has been identified as that of one Max Stockman, a German, who had recently been employed as a collecting and commission agent by a local firm. He had been missing since the 25th of November, and for some time previous to that he had been very low spirited, it is said, on account of a love affair. Before leaving his house on the 25th inst., he carefully arranged all his papers, made up his uncollected bills into a bundle to be sent to his employers, and wrote a note to a friend thanking him for past kindnesses. His last status was also that he saw him take away with him a dagger. On the same day he was seen at the Camp Hotel, Yangtzeopoo, and later, at the German Camp, in the same locality, and he was last seen at one of the jetties close by. His later movements cannot be traced. The body was found on Friday, as reported, and was in an advanced stage of decomposition, so that it must have been in the water for some days. A stab wound was found in the body, just below the heart, and five other small wounds in the same region showed that the deceased must have made several ineffectual attempts to stab himself before delivering the fatal blow. His clothing was soiled and a sheath to fit the knife was found in one of his pockets. An enquiry into the cause of death was held by the German Consul on Saturday, and Dr. Paulun having testified that in his opinion the wound that caused the man's death was self-inflicted, a verdict in accordance with that evidence was returned.

For the past quarter of a century there has been one continuous flow of letters bearing testimony to the truly wonderful cures effected by Clarke's World-Famous Blood Purifier, the finest blood purifier that science and nature still have brought to light. Sufferers from Scrofula, Scurvy, Eczema, Bad Legs, Skin and Blood Diseases, Pimples and Sores of any kind are solicited to give it a trial to test its effect. Sold everywhere, at 25c. per bottle. Beware of worthless imitations and substitutes.

## Intimations.

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Agents.

Hongkong, December 4, 1902. 2502

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## INSPECTION INVITED.

Hongkong, November 21, 1902. 2383

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SUPERIOR ACCOMMODATION.

MEALS AT ALL HOURS.

BREAKFASTS, TIFINS, TEAS,

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Moderate Charges.

MRS. WATLING.

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Hongkong, May 29, 1902. 1144

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Large, airy, and well-furnished

Rooms. Uninterrupted View of Har-

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Hongkong, January 9, 1902. 95

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2.15 p.m.—Auction of Sundry House-  
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Meeting.  
9 p.m.—Installation of the Worshipful  
Master of Victoria Lodge.

**General Memoranda.**  
TUESDAY, December 23.—  
2 p.m.—Auction of Japanese Curries at  
Messrs Hughes and Hough's Sales  
Rooms.  
Goods per *Vindobona* undelivered after  
this date subject to rent.  
Tomb for Books of The Hongkong High-  
Level Tramway Co., Ltd., closed from  
this date to the 31st December, inclu-  
sive.  
THURSDAY, December 25.—  
Goods per *Siletia* undelivered after this  
date subject to rent.  
MONDAY, December 29.—  
3 p.m.—Meeting of Shareholders of The  
China Bureau Co., Ltd., at the Com-  
pany's Registered Office.  
TUESDAY, December 30.—  
3 p.m.—Meeting of Shareholders of The  
Hongkong High-Level Tramway Co.,  
Ltd., at the Company's Registered Office.



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**BIRTH.**  
On Sunday, 7th December, at Nirvana,  
Penang, the wife of STEPHEN ANTHONY, of  
a Son.  
The publication of this issue commences  
at 5.25 p.m.

**The China Mail.**

HONGKONG, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20, 1902.

LAST week, we gave a *resumé* of the  
recent history of the Colony's Water-  
works and dealt with the general as-  
pects of the water question, pointing  
out what appeared to us to be the right  
solution of our present difficulties. To  
recapitulate—the Colony's Waterworks,  
built and extended at considerable ex-  
pense, have been almost constantly  
behind the times, and are so now. The  
large works now in hand cannot be  
completed for some years to come, and,  
therefore, unless some special means are  
taken, which can be promptly put into  
action, the Colony must be prepared  
to face periodical water famines  
until they are completed, and  
possibly by that time the Colony  
will have increased to such an  
extent that further works will then  
be necessary. Of all the special means  
proposed, the cutting off of the services  
to Chinese houses and supplying the  
native districts by means of street taps,  
is the only one of whose effects we can  
speak with experience. The experience  
we have of its working at Kowloon  
makes it certain that, if put in force at  
this side, it would at once solve our  
present difficulties, and would put our  
water supply in such a position that,  
with the new works in hand, we might  
look with equanimity on that extension  
of the city of which there appears every  
prospect in the near future.

There is not unreasonably a consider-  
able opposition to this proposal. For  
years, the Chinese have been pampered  
in this matter. They have had pure  
water laid into their houses, a luxury  
unknown in their native land, and for  
this they have been called upon to pay  
about one-third the amount paid for the  
same quantity of water supplied to  
European houses. The result has been  
that half the water supplied was wasted.  
The Chinese mind could not compre-  
hend that there might be scarcity when  
there was every appearance of plenty.  
The Chinese resident of Hongkong had  
merely to turn a tap, and the water  
ran. We cannot blame him much for  
this. It is excusable ignorance. The  
fault lies rather with those who ignore  
it, and who expect to get "golden  
actions out of leaden instincts." As  
previously stated, the cost of carrying  
water is the strong point against the  
street-tap supply system, though we  
have no hesitation in saying that the  
estimate of \$3 per flat per month—  
\$700,000 to \$800,000 per annum for  
the whole city—is far wide of the mark.  
We do not doubt the accuracy of the  
estimate given, but in the vast majority  
of cases the water is carried in Kow-  
loon, and would be carried in the  
city, by people whose time would not  
otherwise be better employed. We do  
not say it is an ideal system, but that  
it suits our present meagre supply and  
the thoughtless habits of the native  
population.

In opposition to the street tap supply  
there is brought forward what is known  
as the "Rider-main" system. In reality,  
it is the intermittent system, its vagaries  
regulated by Rider-mains. It is the  
intermittence which brings about the  
reduction in consumption; without it,  
no matter how many Rider-mains we  
have, the supply will be the same. We  
are told that the cost of these Rider-  
mains is to be paid by the landowners,  
who are looking at the matter  
purely from a sanitary point of  
view. We would advise the land-  
owners to save their money to meet  
the requirements of the new Public  
Health and Building Ordinance.  
They will have ample scope in that  
direction for "serving the best interests  
of the Colony from a Sanitary point of  
view"—a point of view which we think  
will strike most of them as novel. It  
is urged that in this way the Colony  
will not be called upon to pay anything  
for these Rider-mains. The property  
owners are to pay, and recoup them-  
selves by increased rent, or—the satis-  
faction of doing noble deeds. Whether  
they make a clear 7 per cent. or  
18 per cent., including upkeep and  
interest on money borrowed, is beside  
the question. In the end, the Colony  
must pay in increased rents and in-  
creased cost of living. It is useless to  
point to our 500,000,000 gallons storage  
and the large works now in hand.  
Those of us who were here at the time

will remember the same cry was raised  
when the Tytam Works were in hand.  
It was said we should have a "practi-  
cally inexhaustible" supply, and "why  
place restrictions on its use?" The  
Government gave way, with the result  
we demonstrated last week. We sin-  
cerely hope a similar mistake will not  
be made again. In conclusion we would  
repeat the words with which we closed our  
previous article: "The time may come  
when the Chinese may have learnt the  
proper use of water supplied on western  
methods, and when our Waterworks  
will be reasonably ahead of present  
wants. Then let the question be re-  
considered. At present, a coolie is a  
coolie, and it is folly to treat him as a  
civilized being."

**LOCAL AND GENERAL.**

**Public Holidays.**  
His Excellency the Governor directs  
that Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New  
Year's Day shall be public holidays. The  
Police Magistrates will have no holiday on  
Boxing Day, but we hope their duties will  
be light, and that few prisoners will come  
up—perhaps—to wish them a Merry  
Christmas!

**Tea-Girls in Tartans.**  
The A.B.C. dandies, in London whose  
bright matrimonial prospects were painted  
at the shareholders' meeting the other day,  
are threatened with formidable rivals, if the  
rumoured project of establishing Scottish  
Tea Rooms in London is based on good  
foundation. The idea, it is said, is to im-  
port Scotch lassies, dressed in the charac-  
teristic tartans of the Highlands. Will the  
susceptible Southron be proof against this  
picturesque invasion?

**The Bald-Headed Bounder.**  
Admiral Sir William Kennedy relates  
the case of a marino who was brought be-  
fore a court-martial at Hongkong charged  
with insubordination. The Court having  
been sworn, the prisoner was asked the  
usual question: Did he object to any  
member of the Court? Looking round  
with infinite contempt on his judges he  
said, "Yes, I object to the whole blooming  
lot of yer," specially the bald-headed old  
bounder in the middle! His other sen-  
tence is not recorded.

**Government Marine Surveyors.**  
Mr Robert C. Dixon, Government  
Marine Surveyor, having retired on pension  
on account of continued ill-health, Mr  
James Macdonald, his assistant, is pro-  
moted to the higher post, and Mr W. A.  
Crake (who is going to perform the dif-  
ficult feat of playing a Rugby football match  
at Happy Valley and an Association game  
at Causeway Bay at the same time this  
afternoon) is appointed Assistant Marine  
Surveyor, and Mr William Orchar is ap-  
pointed Second Assistant Marine Surveyor.

**Justifiable Homicide.**  
An enquiry has been held into the  
case where two men were shot at Sinen-  
pore while resisting arrest and assaulting  
Mr Evans, Protector of Chinese. A verdict  
of justifiable homicide was returned. In  
connection with the inquiry a rather pecu-  
liar affair happened. On his way home,  
the Coroner, Mr Gentle, called in at a  
Golf Club; leaving all the papers connect-  
ed with the inquiry in his ricksha. On  
coming out, he found the puller had dis-  
appeared with the papers, and no trace  
of him can be found. It is thought that  
sympathisers of the prisoners got the  
ricksha coolie to make away with the  
papers, thinking it would retard the  
course of justice against the accused.

**The Christmas Post-bag.**  
Our Postmaster and his assistants have  
had a busy time since the season of the  
exchange of holiday benefactions set in.  
Seventy-nine boxes of Christmas gifts,  
depressing the scale to the extent of 7,446  
lbs. left the Colony by the s.s. *Chusan*.  
1096 were ordinary parcels via Gibraltar, 7  
sent via Brindisi; and 228 were insured  
parcels sent via Gibraltar and 7 insured  
via Brindisi. The officers in the Registra-  
tion and Parcels Departments were kept  
hard at work until 1.30 a.m. on the day  
following the closing of the parcels mail.  
The New Year's parcels despatched by the  
s.s. *Massilia* amounted to seventy-six boxes  
totalling a weight of 6,992 lbs. 824 were  
ordinary parcels via Gibraltar, 228 via  
Brindisi; and 158 insured parcels via  
Gibraltar and 154 via Brindisi. To get  
this mail out the officers worked until 3.30  
a.m. on the day following the closing of  
the mail. For the s.s. *Paranatta* forty-  
four boxes were sent to Eng-  
land, weighing 6,173, and including  
687 ordinary parcels via Gibraltar, 12  
via Brindisi; 102 insured parcels via  
Gibraltar and 8 insured via Brindisi. The  
staff worked until 3.35 a.m. on the day  
following the closing. The Christmas  
mail per s.s. *Massilia* included 646 regis-  
tered articles for the United King-  
dom and 540 for the Continent,  
etc.; while the New Year's mail per s.s.  
*Paranatta* comprised 402 registered  
articles intended for the United Kingdom,  
and 539 for the Continent. As to the let-  
ters, the s.s. *Massilia* took 199 lbs. of mis-  
sives and 638 lbs. of books and printed  
matter for London distribution, and 499 lbs.  
"London forward." The New Year's notes  
per the s.s. *Paranatta* for London weighed  
210 lbs. the "London forward" bag scaled  
152 lbs. and the books and printed matter  
390 lbs.

**LOCAL AND GENERAL.**

**Notes by the Way.**  
Inward Parcels by s.s. *Ballarat* are  
now ready for delivery.

Dr. John Gillespie is the Moderator-  
elect of the Church of Scotland.

Major-General Talbot was knighted by  
the Duke of Connaught at Cairo.

Professor Orr is the Moderator-elect  
for the United Free Church of Scotland.

On Pages 2 and 3 will be found some  
Late Telegrams and other interesting  
matter.

The South African Chartered Company  
has decided to spend two millions sterling  
on railways in Rhodesia.

The new ordinance relating to the  
naturalization of aliens will come into  
operation on the 1st of January next.

Her Majesty the Queen will give a  
Christmas dinner to the widows and or-  
phans of London soldiers and sailors who  
died in the Transvaal war.

The Admiralty granted an extra week's  
leave to each of the crew of the *Fome*,  
*Hart*, and *Whiting*, t.b.d.s., as took part  
in the operations in South Africa or China.  
The crew of these vessels are now on their  
way home.

The Registrar General, the Inspector  
of Schools, Mr F. A. Hazegland and Mr  
Cecil Clementi are appointed a Board of ex-  
aminers for the Examination of interpreters.  
The Registrar General will act as Chairman  
and Mr Clementi as Secretary.

**Postponed.**  
The Meeting of the Legislative Council  
fixed for Monday is postponed until Tues-  
day, owing to the prolongation of the  
Criminal Sessions, which would prevent the  
attendance of the Attorney General.

**Mr John Barrett.**  
The Hongkong Chamber of Commerce in-  
vited the Hon. John Barrett, the Commis-  
sioner-General for St. Louis Exposition, to  
address its members on the 15th instant  
on the subject of the Exposition.

**Great Britain and Venezuela.**  
The principal claims of Great Britain  
against Venezuela are based on the seizure  
of several British vessels; the seizure of the  
railway; the ill-treatment of British sub-  
jects, and proceedings against British in-  
terests and property during the civil war.

**The Shan Dacoits.**  
A report has just been received (says  
the *Bangkok Times* of the 29th ult.) that  
the leaders of the Shan dacoits, with their  
followers and families, altogether about 500  
people, have crossed the Mekong, about  
the 15th instant and surrendered themselves  
to the French authorities on the left bank  
opposite Chiengkong.

**Naval Notes.**  
The *World* says:—Sir Edward Sey-  
mour may reasonably look forward to  
promotion to the rank of Admiral of the  
Fleet when Sir Nowell Salmon retires in  
February, 1905. Meanwhile he will retain  
his present position as first and principal  
Naval Aide-de-Camp to the King. With  
the promotion of Commodore Lambton Sir  
Francis Powell becomes the senior Captain  
on the Active List for promotion to flag  
rank.

**Wireless Telegraphy.**  
Last night, in the hall of the Union  
Church, a paper on and demonstration of  
wireless telegraphy was given by Mr W.  
Brand in connection with the Union  
Church Literary Club. The paper was  
read by Mr W. D. Braidwood, while the  
demonstrations were being carried on by  
Mr Brand. Though the paper itself was  
of a technical nature, and therefore some-  
what difficult to follow by those who had  
not already acquainted themselves with the  
early history and development of wireless  
telegraphy, it revealed an intimate knowl-  
edge of his subject by the writer, and the  
experiments were all successful, in spite of  
the difficulties connected with the adjust-  
ment of delicate instruments under tem-  
porary conditions. What appealed to the  
audience more than anything else was the  
signalling of messages between the church  
hall and H.M.S. *Gloria*. The flagship was  
rung up by Mr Brand, and in a few  
minutes the syster came back that the  
message had been received all right. Upon  
the motion of Rev. C. H. Hocking, who  
referred to the able paper prepared by Mr  
Brand and the excellent results of his ex-  
periments, a hearty vote of thanks was  
accorded to Mr Brand. There was a very  
large attendance of members and visitors,  
the largest that has yet been present at the  
Club's lectures and discussions. Mr W.  
Malcolm Watson was the Chairman for the  
evening.

**WHAT IS A COUGH?**  
A spasmodic effort to expel the mucus  
from the bronchial tubes. A cold  
causes a more abundant secretion of mucus  
and when the lungs and bronchial tubes  
are inflamed, they are extremely sensitive  
to the irritation. Unless care is taken, the  
cold may result in pneumonia, which is  
swift and deadly. If the cold is lingering  
one, the more leisurely but equally fatal  
consumption may set in. Do not neglect a  
cold or cough. Take Chamberlain's Cough  
Remedy. It always cures and cures quick-  
ly. For sale by All Dealers; WATKINS  
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**LOCAL AND GENERAL.**

**Extensive Reforms in the Navy.**  
The *Daily Mail* states that the Admir-  
alty has resolved to make sweeping reforms  
in the Navy, including the introduction of  
the principle of selection with regard to a  
certain proportion of promotions to flag  
rank, and the absorption of engineers into  
the executive branch, together with com-  
plete re-organisation of the marines.

**Cruiser Squadrons.**  
The reorganisation of the Cruiser  
Squadrons which is now taking place is a  
most important departure by the Admiralty.  
The Home Cruiser Squadron is to consist  
of two divisions; the Mediterranean Cruiser  
Squadron, under Sir Baldwin Walker, will  
have as its crack ships the *Biscayne* and  
*Albatross*, both of the 12,000 ton *Cressy*  
class; and to the China Squadron, to which  
the *Cressy* herself is attached, the *Leviathan*  
will be added, and will be the flagship of  
the Cruiser Squadron, and on the Austro-  
Slavonian Station there will be the *Spartan*  
and *Europa*, both of 11,000 tons.

**Facing the Music.**  
In *Facing the Music*, which Miss  
Waldorf's company presented last night  
and which will be put on again to-night,  
a good fund of delectable comedy is unfolded.  
Mr McGregor as the other John Smith is  
irresistibly comic, Miss Waldorf and Miss  
Stanley are extremely good as the two Mrs.  
Smiths, Mr Forbes is capital as the Rev.  
John, and Mr de Lacey makes a good deal  
of excellent entertainment in the part of  
the detective. The play went well with  
the not too well-filled house. The com-  
pany appears in Canton next week, return-  
ing to Hongkong in time to resume the  
season with a strong holiday attraction on  
Boxing Night.

**Maritime Etiquette.**  
The *Berliner Post* of the 12th ult.  
published the following Regulations which,  
by agreement between the Hamburg  
American Line and the North German  
Lloyd, have been adopted by the German  
Maritime Navy:—

"As soon as a ship comes in sight, and is  
recognised as one with which salutes have  
to be exchanged, the flag is to be hoisted,  
no matter which of the two ships should  
salute first. The duty of saluting first  
falls to the ship which passes the other,  
whether proceeding or stationary; and to  
the ship coming from Europe, if both ships  
belong to European Lines; in all other  
cases to the ship to the North. As soon  
as the ships have passed each other, the  
ship which had first saluted has also to  
lower her flag first, unless prevented by  
other reasons."

**Masonic.**  
At a regular meeting of Lodge St.  
John, No. 618 S.C., held on the 12th inst.,  
Wor. Bro. Thomas Henry Jovitt was duly  
installed as R.W.M. of Lodge St. John for  
the ensuing year. The installation cere-  
mony was performed by the Deputy Dis-  
trict Grand Master of Hongkong and South  
China, Rt. Wor. Bro. E. C. Ray. The  
officers elected were as follows:—W.S.W.,  
Bro. J. Burgess; W.J.W., Bro. F. Allan;  
Treas., Bro. A. Ritchie; Secretary, Bro.  
W. J. Terrill; S.D., Bro. C. H. Ross;  
J.D., Bro. R. Hemmings; D. of C., Bro.  
J. Turner; Steward, Wor. Bro. H. B.  
Bridger; J.G., Bro. R. Walpole; Tyler,  
Bro. J. Vanstone. After the ceremony  
the R.W.M., officers, and many brethren  
of Lodge St. John, with several visiting  
P.M.'s and brethren, adjourned to the  
Hongkong Hotel, where a special dinner  
was provided. The usual patriotic and  
appropriate toasts were proposed and  
responded to; and after an enjoyable and  
convivial dinner the company were enter-  
tained with music, song and recitation,  
ably provided by guests present.

**The Telegraph Service in China.**  
The N.O. *Daily News* publishes the  
following Edict, which is dated the 12th  
inst.:—The telegraph services in the  
various countries of the world are adminis-  
tered and controlled by the Government,  
hence whenever important business of State  
regarding either the army or civil adminis-  
tration, has to be transmitted by telegraph,  
it is to be transmitted by telegraph, and  
to and fro, perfect secrecy and promptness  
as well as promptitude and haste. In  
China, however, the telegraph service was  
begun as a commercial undertaking, where-  
by much inconvenience and obstruction  
have been experienced by the Government.  
It is therefore of urgent necessity for the  
Government to acquire the whole of the  
said telegraph service in order to safeguard  
the interests of the State. Yuan Shih-kai  
and Chang Chih-tung (Viceroy of Chihli  
and acting Viceroy of the Liangkiang pro-  
vinces) are hereby commanded to proceed  
with all haste in drawing up an estimate of  
the value of the telegraph wires (sic)  
throughout the Empire, and having done  
so they shall present to us a joint memorial  
asking for permission to raise the necessary  
funds to pay back the shareholders of the  
said telegraph service for their shares in  
the said Company and so acquire their prop-  
erty throughout the country. This hav-  
ing been done the Throne will appoint a  
suitable officer of high rank to take charge  
of the whole concern, working carefully  
and diligently in the interests of the State.

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**LOCAL AND GENERAL.**

**The Mosquito Export.**  
Major Ronald Ross, according to a  
London telegram dated the 4th inst., has  
gone to Stockholm to receive the Nobel  
prize for work in connection with malaria.

**Hongkong Christian Union.**  
The Rev. T. W. Pearce will conduct the  
prayer meeting on Monday evening at 6.15  
in the room of the Union, 13 Beaconsfield  
Arcade. A cordial invitation is extended  
to all.

**Theft from the Person.**  
Chan Fu put his hand in Wong Fuk's  
pocket and secured possession of \$4.50.  
Chan Fu will spend Christmas, Hogmanay,  
and the Chinese New Year in jail, his term  
extending over two months.

**The Sea Serpent.**  
A Home paper says:—The average  
person would as soon think of eating an  
oyster in June as of discussing the sea  
serpent outside the silly season. Yet here  
he is, back again amongst us in all his  
glory, only rather more so. This time he  
has been sighted by Mr A. H. Rayner,  
second officer of the s.s. *Port Salisbury*.  
With eyes like masthead lights, phospho-  
rescent fins, 600 feet of body, tapering  
from 30 feet to 5 feet in breadth, smothering  
and stinking, this huge monster, *Anguilla*,  
*inermis*, &c., slowly sank, &c. Without  
costing any doubt on the good faith of the  
second officer, who, doubtless, saw, or  
thought he saw what he says he saw, this  
is not a good time to fish for sea-serpents.

**An Expert on Silver.**  
The Editor of the City article in *The*  
*Standard* writes:—There is little doubt that  
the further depreciation in Silver has in a  
measure been produced by the news that  
the Colonial Office has appointed a Com-  
mittee to consider and report upon whether  
the Gold Standard for the Straits Settle-  
ments would be advisable. The success  
which has attended the fixing of the value  
of the rupee in India has certainly caused  
a movement amongst Eastern trading  
countries in favour of currencies based upon  
Gold, but the Straits Settlements are in  
many ways peculiar in their business  
relations. Singapore, the Capital of  
the Straits, is a great "entrepôt" for a  
large number of countries which are gov-  
erned under varying conditions. South  
China, British North Borneo, French  
Indo-China, the Dutch East Indies, the  
Celebes, the native States in the  
Malay Archipelago, and the native  
States on the mainland all make their  
port their market for the purchase and sale  
of goods, and, under the steady deprecia-  
tion of Silver, the trade of that place  
has grown and developed amazingly.  
The Possession is free from debt, although  
it has carried out important public works,  
and the trading community has prospered  
so greatly that failures have been of an  
exceptional character, whilst the export  
trade of the adjacent countries has steadily  
progressed. On the other hand, it is a  
well-known fact that the steady deprecia-  
tion in the currency renders the release of  
capital engaged in these Settlements ex-  
ceedingly difficult, whilst the prices of  
labour and other items of working ex-  
penditure have increased very materially.  
Exporters to the country have also to face  
the varying movements in the exchange,  
and although this risk may, to a certain ex-  
tent, be covered by securing exchange  
from the banks working between Europe  
and the Straits, such insurance neces-  
sarily implies the payment of a  
substantial sum by way of premium.  
Furthermore, the shopkeepers and small  
merchants who operate in the Straits Set-  
tlements themselves have suffered very  
severely from the changing character of the  
currency, and in their case it has been al-  
most impossible to secure themselves en-  
tirely from the full effects of such fluctua-  
tions. The problem is therefore one of  
great interest, and, as Manila is likely,  
under United States control, to go upon a  
Gold basis, it is all the more important that  
a sound decision regarding this matter  
should be the outcome of the deliberation  
of the Committee. At the same time it  
must be remembered that Singapore,  
being the centre of trade for a num-  
ber of States and Communities pos-  
sessing but a low standard of  
civilisation, the authorities will have to  
be not cautiously, or else they may stand in  
danger of impairing the commanding  
position that the Possession holds at pre-  
sent in the trade of that part of the world.  
Moreover, though Singapore and the Straits,  
make their exports in bulk, imports, as a  
rule, are dealt with in small quantities. In  
consequence, whilst the English merchants  
who buy in large quantities may be able to  
protect themselves against movements in  
the exchange, a very different state of  
things might prevail amongst traders in the  
Straits who have to break up their consign-  
ments of goods imported into small parcels,  
and radical changes in trade might be  
brought about by introducing a Gold  
Standard without consideration.

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## TELEGRAMS.

## [REUTERS' SERVICE.]

## VENEZUELA.

London, December 18, 1902.  
It is announced at Washington that America will not resist a blockade of Venezuelan ports if the Powers enforcing the blockade recognize a state of war.

Mr. Bowen, United States Minister at Caracas, has, owing to pressure of work, instructed Admiral Dewey to send a competent officer to Caracas to act as assistant U. S. Minister, the officer selected to leave with the destroyer which is to serve as a despatch boat in the event of the cables being cut.

## THE KING'S SPEECH.

The King's Speech in procuring Parliament mentions the agreement between Great Britain and Japan, whereby the two governments have bound themselves to assist one another in certain eventualities for the defence of their respective interests. It believes that the agreement will be to the advantage of both nations, and that it will contribute to the maintenance of peace in the East.

The commercial treaty with China, it says, promises to be only to Great Britain, but to the commerce of the world, valuable facilities and advantages. The treaty contains some provisions of great value, which, unlike other treaties with China, does not require the assent of other Powers.

## CRICKET.

## [R.C.C. - WARRICK SINGLE.]

This match was played at the cricket ground to-day and resulted in an easy win for the Bachelors. Batting first, the Bachelors scored 91, Powell proving well-nigh unplayable. Upon resuming, after 11m, the Bachelors hit off the runs quickly. Turner was in good hitting form, and did not give a chance till he had scored 50, when Ferrier should have caught him at point. He then hit off one over from Lambie, but was well held by F. Maitland close to the screen in an attempt to hit Ferrier out of the ground which he was with two runs of the century. At 3.10, the score was—

B.	R.	C.	W.	W.
P. T. Lambie, c. Hooper, b. Dixon	6			
Major Clark, R. A. M. C., c. Smith, b. Powell	0			
Major Le Breton, c. Hooper, b. Powell	0			
Capt. Ferrier, R. A. M. C., c. Hooper, b. Broadbent	4			
F. Maitland, c. Hooper, b. Powell	31			
E. W. Maitland, b. Powell	8			
G. P. Lambert, c. Broadbent, b. Powell	0			
Col. Ferrier, R. A. M. C., c. Hooper, b. Broadbent	0			
A. Mackenzie, c. Turner, b. Powell	23			
Line, Forbes, R. A. M. C., c. Hooper, b. Powell	2			
Capt. Tulloch, R. A. M. C., not out	2			
Extras	7			
Total	91			

B.	R.	C.	W.	W.
W. C. D. Turner, c. Maitland, b. Ferrier	98			
L. H. W. Smith, R. A. M. C., c. Ferrier, b. Lambie	13			
L. H. Dalrymple, R. A. M. C., b. Ferrier	4			
J. T. Dixon, not out	30			
Extras	1			
Total for 3 wickets	146			

B.	R.	C.	W.	W.
Dixon	10	1	34	7
Powell	15	5	23	1
Broadbent	5	1	29	2

## BOWLING ANALYSIS.

## [R.C.C. - WARRICK SINGLE.]

Powell bowled two wickets.

In their weekly share report dated 19th December, Messrs. Benjamin, Kelly and Potts write—

Business generally continues dull and the transactions that have taken place have been on a very limited scale. Banks—Hongkong and Shanghai Banks have still further depreciated and business has been done at advancing rates up to 86 1/2 at which figure more shares are wanted. The London rate is unchanged at 4 1/2. Nationals remain neglected at quotation.

Marine Insurance—Unions continue in demand at \$400. China Traders are offering at \$38 and Canton at \$40. A parcel of North China has been disposed of at \$15. \$17 1/2 and shares can still be placed at this price. Yangtze have enquiries at \$133.

Fire Insurance—Hongkong Fire remains quiet at \$345. China Fires have sellers at \$344.

Shipping—Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamers have further depreciated and are in the market at \$30. India-China has been negotiated at \$85 and are now obtainable at \$85. China and Manilla are without business and there is no attention in the market. Douglas Steamships have declined and are to be had at \$41 1/2. Star Ferries have again been sold at \$25 for the old issue and close in further request; the new shares are wanted at \$10. Star Ferries have changed hands at \$11 1/2.

Refiners—China Sugars are firmer and there are enquiries at \$85. Luzons are procurable at \$12 1/2.

Mining—Punjons have been purchased at \$91 and are now offered for at \$92. Routes are wanted at \$4, after sales at this figure. Chinese Engineering have hardened and business has been done at \$18. 20. Wharves and Godowns—Hongkong and Whampoa Docks have weakened and are offering at \$12 1/2. Farnham have also declined and there are sellers at \$18. 20. Kowloon Wharves can be procured at \$88.

Lands, Hotels and Buildings—Hongkong Lands are steady, and can be placed at \$185. Hongkong Hotels are a little quiet at \$141. West Points are wanted at \$57. Humphreys Estate are for sale at \$12 1/2, and China Providents have found investors at \$9. 50.

Cotton Mills—Ewes have fallen to \$14 and are offering. Other stocks are unchanged.

Copra Companies—We have heard of no business in stocks under this head.

Miscellaneous—Green Island Cements have been fixed at \$20 1/2 and \$2 1/2, and can still be obtained at the latter price. A. S. Watsons have changed hands at \$14 1/2. Electric (old issue) are in demand at \$13. 10. The new shares have been booked at \$6. 65, and more are obtainable. Sales of Ropes have been effected at \$20. Langkats have dropped to \$15 at which rate shares are to be had.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

## OHIVALL AND THE CHINESE.

## To the Editor of the "China Mail."

C.M.S. House,  
West Point, 19th December.

Sir,—It would help thoughtful people who take an interest in the well-being and elevation of the Chinese to understand what importance should be attached to productions like those signed by 'Historians' and 'Templar', which appeared in recent issues of your paper, if the writers would sign their own names.

Certainly the remarks made by the writer 'Historians' deserve the condemnation of 'Templar', but surely the latter could have said all he has said in defence of the Chinese without reviling the whole Missionary community and accusing them of fraud and duplicity.

Any one who knows China and the Chinese knows the history of the clergy referred to, and knows also that missionaries, from one end of China to the other, are firm believers in and unwavering advocates of the good qualities found in the character of the Chinese, and that they never fail to appreciate the great gifts and capacities with which the race has been endowed. No one knows more about these great gifts and capacities than the missionaries who are giving their lives to the service of this great people, and who have said all he has said in defence of the Chinese without reviling the whole Missionary community and accusing them of fraud and duplicity.

I am, yours very truly,

W. BANISTER,  
Archdeacon of Hongkong.

## THE CHAMPAGNE VINTAGE.

To the Editor of the "China Mail."

Sir,—In sending you this year my annual account of the Champagne Vintage, I have before me this time an unpleasant task, the quantity and quality of the wine made being so unsatisfactory that it seems almost unenviable to make a record of this vintage.

It is true that a bad vintage has been expected for some time past, and I am sorry to say that up to the finishing of the gathering of the grapes the climate circumstances have continued to be unfavourable. It will be remembered last Winter passed off without frost and without snow, and not unlikely owing to this, and to unreasonable weather during Summer, the insect enemies of the vines, especially and notably, the phylloxera, have developed in such numbers that they have caused much havoc to the fruit.

The Spring was unusually cold, but without any frost, so that the grapes—when they came on from the buds—were plenty, but somewhat backward. However, at the end of June, for a few days, the heat of the Summer was so great and so effective that for a short period everything looked well again. But this fine weather was followed by cold and wet rainy weather, interruption, causing coldness where the fruit was not already formed, and developing mildew more or less in all the vineyards.

A few days of intense heat on or about July 14 were all that was to be expected, and after that, in August and September, the temperature was constantly below the average, and very frequent rain caused the mould to come up where great efforts were made against it. At the end of September, when the vintage should begin, the grapes were not ripe, even in the 'Grands Crus', and every hope of making an ordinary good wine had to be given up. The temperature at the beginning of October had been cold and wet to give any chance of a complete maturing and about October 6 in Ay, and the 12th in la 'Grande Montagne', the picking of the grapes began. A great part of the grapes were in such condition that no attempt to make use of them for wine could be made, and they have been crushed to make simply 'Vin de boisson'.

The very best pick of the grapes, specially in Ay, Bouzy, Reims, and elsewhere, have been comparatively in good condition, have been carefully selected and pressed, giving a must containing very little sugar and a large quantity of acid. This wine will be certainly very light and acid. On the whole, it is a most unfortunate vintage, and as in general the vines are not in good condition, there is some reasonable fear that the next crop may only be small, and further, as many growers are in a very precarious condition, it is to be feared that in the next years many vineyards in the second and third Crus will be neglected by their owners. 1902 is not a poor vintage; practically it is no vintage at all.

Since last year the 1895 have gone into consumption, and good wines of this vintage have been much appreciated by the public. 1898's—The qualities of this vintage are developing very well; they are very elegant, with good body, and their firmness shows that they will have very good keeping power. 1900's are developing splendidly; they show already wonderfully well, and give the greatest hope for the future.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,  
CHARLES HEIDSTECK.  
Reims, October 27.

## The King's Birthday Celebration.

We are authorised to state (says the Times of Ceylon) that His Excellency the Governor has received a despatch from the Secretary of State for the Colonies, intimating that His Majesty the King's birthday will probably in future be officially celebrated in June. The suitability of this change will make it most welcome in other places besides London.—We suppose a similar despatch has been received in Hongkong; but although a holiday in June would be welcome to Hongkong Colonials, the majority would vote for the celebration in November.

Our blood is the source from which our systems are built up, and from which we derive our vitality as well as our physical capabilities. If the blood is diseased the body is diseased. Sufferers from Scrofula, Scurvy, Eczema, Bad Legs, Skin and Blood Diseases, Pimples, and Sores of any kind are afflicted to give China's world-famous Blood-Mixture a trial to test its value. Thousands of wonderful cures have been effected by it. Sold everywhere at 2s. 9d. per bottle. Beware of worthless imitations and insist on the name.

## THE YARN MARKET.

In their yarn trade report, dated 19th inst., Messrs. Cawajee Paltanjee and Co. write—

Since the issue of our last circular, dated the 5th instant, our Yarn Market during the first part of the fortnight remained in the same state as last reported, and a small business transpired in selected threads only for immediate requirements. Latterly, a speculative demand sprang up, and the importers met the wishes of the dealers, and a good amount changed hands at previous prices and in some instances a trifle better. The business was restricted to No. 10's; their counts are not much inquired for. The market closes steadily, and we do not anticipate any improvement before the Chinese New Year. Sales during the fortnight consisted of about 120 Bales of No. 8's, 2,385 Bales of No. 10's, 1400 Bales of No. 12's, 240 Bales of No. 16's, and 2,980 Bales of No. 6's, in all about 6,025 Bales. Arrivals during the fortnight per steamers *Valetta*, *Carya*, *Lightning*, and *Kamanga* came to about 6,000 Bales. Shipments to Shantung and the Northern Port about 3,000 Bales. The uncolled stock is estimated at about 17,000 Bales.

Local Production—Sales of about 300 Bales of No. 16's at \$97, and 150 Bales of No. 12's at \$95 are reported in the market. *Japanese Yarn*—About 450 Bales of No. 20's changed hands at \$125 to 126 per bale. Exchange—Exchange at first showed some signs of improvement, but rose on India advanced 1/2 per cent. The rate on the very following day it again dropped to Rs. 115 per cent., and is quoted today at Rs. 118 1/2 per cent.

## HOME BY SIBERIA.

The Journey Described.

Writing in *L'Echo de Chine*, M. Jacques Faure has been giving further particulars of the all-land route home via Siberia. After describing the town of Dalny, the Eastern terminus, Mr. Faure proceeds to divide the journey into three distinctive parts. He deals first with the section from Dalny to Manchuria (the frontier Station between Siberia and China), a distance of 1,301 coasting miles, and 1,301 miles, and occupying in transit 43 days. He says: "For the present the traveller will only find second-class carriages on this portion of the line; from the beginning of 1903, more comfortable trains, comprising first-class carriages and travelling more rapidly, will be running. The second class carriages are clean and well warmed, sometimes by means of stoves, sometimes by hot water; they do not carry special fittings for the comfort of the travellers, but advise travellers who are careful of their comfort, to provide themselves with a small mattress, a pillow, and two coverlets, to buy a mattress of a moderate price, since they will be obliged to sleep on the ground, the best thing to do is to get rid of it by offering it to a peasant, who for the rest of his life will pray with fervent gratitude for the generous gift."

The second stage, from Manchuria to Irkutsk, distance 1,302 coasting miles, and occupying in transit 43 days, is divided into two parts: first-class fare Rs. 31.50, and for second-class Rs. 21.40, occupies 31 days including the crossing of Lake Baikal. "From Manchuria to Irkutsk," the writer continues, "the traveller will find comfortable Russian trains, containing first-class carriages. At night, the seats are turned into couches provided with pillows, sheets and coverlets, the price for the use of which is included in the figure already mentioned. It is on the last day of this portion of the journey that Lake Baikal is crossed; the crossing, which lasts about four hours, is made in the simplest way and gives rise to no inconvenience; in summer, travellers are taken to a moving platform, and in winter the train is replaced by sledges, belonging to the railway; the cost of crossing is Rs. 1.50, and the figure already given. Once a week a restaurant car is added to the train from Manchuria to Irkutsk."

The third stage, from Irkutsk to Moscow, is 4,106 coasting miles, and occupies 118 days, and is divided into two parts: first-class fare Rs. 118.50, and for second-class Rs. 78.50. The time occupied is 118 days. "This part of the journey is beyond comparison the simplest; besides the ordinary train which runs daily, there are every week two *trains de luxe*, one belonging to the International Railway Carriage Company, the other to the Russian Government. The International Carriage Company's train is composed of one first-class carriage, divided into compartments of two and three places, separated by lavatories; of two second-class carriages; of a dining car, a smoking car, and a van containing a bathroom and the machinery producing the electricity necessary for the train. The Russian train is somewhat difficult to describe, as it is not always made up in the same way, but it is far from being as comfortable as that of the Company."

Many people wrongly fancy that life on these trains is very dull, and that after twenty days they would arrive literally broken down; nothing of the kind; the traveller becomes accustomed to the railway as to a boat; parties are formed in the smoking room or in the dining car; some play cards, others talk or run through the books of the library; the piano never loses its hold on the fingers of good-natured amateurs; at all the stations there is a halt of some minutes, by which an opportunity is afforded of taking the 100 yards' stretch, the length of the train. It is possible to feed very comfortably at very moderate prices all the journey from Dalny to Moscow. In the dining cars the price of a meal varies between Rs. 1 and Rs. 1.25. Drinks are paid for separately; red wine of the Crimea is very dear at Rs. 1.50 the bottle; beer 50 or 60 kopecks. When there is no dining-car the train stops twice a day, once at station and again about 7 p.m. at station buffets, where meals, quite simple, but quite sufficient, are all ready, at prices from 60 to 80 kopecks. Wine and beer are the same as on the dining cars. A word of advice to smokers: carry a stock of tobacco; what you buy will be bad and dear. Travellers will do well to provide themselves also with a basket containing tinned things and a tea-pot; they can then make a light meal in the train in the event being the train being delayed. At all the halts without exception, boiling water is at the free disposal of travellers for the making of tea.

There remains the question of baggage. There is allowed to each passenger 10 registered baggage only 45 kilos; on the other hand he can take with him in his compartment 4 or 5 portmanteaux, without raising any objection on the part of those in charge of the train or of the following baggage. For the time being, however, it is better to take the least possible amount of baggage, as that greatly simplifies the travel conditions. One final word; don't forget your passport, without which you will not be able to enter Russia.

## SUPREME COURT.

## IN CRIMINAL SESSIONS.

(Before His Honour Sir William Gooden, Chief Justice.)

Saturday, Dec. 20, 1902.

## ALLIED MANSLAUGHTER.

The trial of Tam Kit and U Cheung for manslaughter was resumed, Sir W. Berkeley, Attorney-General (instructed by Mr. F. B. L. Bowley, Crown Solicitor), prosecuted; and Mr. Slade (instructed by Mr. Goldring) defended.

Mr. Slade was putting to the Court the proposition that to sustain a charge of manslaughter there must be proof of something *malum in se*, when His Lordship quoted a recent case in the English courts tried before Mr. Justice Wright in which a man who neglected to close a gate opening on to a railway, thereby permitting a person to walk to his death, and in which a verdict of guilty was returned.

Mr. Slade argued that the fact that the prisoners employed sub-contractors executed them from criminal responsibility. His Lordship said that was not the law he was going to lay down to the jury, nor was it common sense. He would tell the jury that the men were responsible for the death occurred through their neglect to do something which they should have done. The questions which he would put to the jury were—Was the death of the deceased due to the conduct of the prisoners? Was that caused by the fall of the wall of No. 10? Was the falling of the wall occasioned by the negligence of the defendants or either of them? and was such negligence so gross as to cover a charge of manslaughter?

Mr. Slade, in his speech to the jury, urged that the work of the defendants should be judged not according to the standard of European skill, but according to the Chinese work in the Colony, tested by which toughness it was, according to Mr. Tooker, good.

Sir H. Berkeley joined with his learned friend in asking the jury to decide the issue according to the standard of the Chinese work, they would be bound to find the prisoners guilty.

The Court adjourned after the speeches of counsel. On Monday morning his Lordship will charge the jury.

## LADIE TELEGRAMS.

## Mr Brodick on Army Reforms.

London, December 6.—Mr. Brodick, speaking at Edinburgh, urged the public to exercise patience as regards the reforms of the Army. He said that the reforms of the Army were not a matter of mere numbers, but of quality. He said that the reforms of the Army were not a matter of mere numbers, but of quality. He said that the reforms of the Army were not a matter of mere numbers, but of quality.

## Severe Winter Weather in Europe.

Severe winter weather is prevailing on the Continent, and is causing much distress everywhere. Reports from London and the Provinces indicate the probability of serious destitution during the winter months.

## British Trade Returns.

The trade returns for November show that Exports have increased by £214,802, while the Imports have decreased by £1,692,497.

## 1. Steamer Overdue at Rangoon.

Catcutta, December 4.—Anxiety is felt in Madras regarding the B. I. steamer 'Landura', which left Madras for Rangoon on Thursday. No information has been received of her arrival at Rangoon, where she ought to have arrived on Monday.

## France and Great Britain.

The Daily Express repeats, with greater emphasis, that the British Government is not prepared to arbitrate on all outstanding disputes between England and France on the lines of the American Treaty of 1897.

## Lord Kitchener and India's 'Forward Policy.'

London, December 3.—The *Nieue Presse* terms Lord Kitchener as the 'outlet of crossing' in the Indian frontier. It says that his command in India will lead to changes on the frontier, including more fortified posts and the more rapid building of the railways from Peshawar to the Persian frontier.

## The Remount Scandal Trial.

December 4.—In the Major Studdart remount scandal case, the Grand Jury at the Munster Assizes threw out the bills. The Government, it is said, has declined to prosecute. Colonel Sir Quentin, they could only produce the bills.

## The Sugar Duties.

December 2.—Mr. Gerald Balfour, in reply to Mr. Gibson Bowles, said that the British Convention reserves the undoubted right of Great Britain in regard to fiscal relations with her Colonies. Great Britain declined to the Convention to apply a special clause to Colonial products.

December 4.—Lord Cranborne, speaking in the House of Commons, said that the Government opinion was that the prohibition of the importation of refined sugar was inconsistent with the provisions of the most-favoured-nation clause. Russia was informed in 1899 of this view; but was told that if she was unable to agree thereon, the Treaty of Commerce of 1890, which Russia did not reply to this.

December 4.—Lord Cranborne, speaking in the House of Commons, said that the British intention was to maintain the Convention regarding countervailing duties on Colonial Sugar had been questioned in other quarters besides Holland. Correspondence is proceeding. Mr. Austen Chamberlain said the only colony granting bounties was Ontario. These would cease at the end of 1903.

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Hongkong, December 20, 1902. 2621

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